

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A planter receptacle adapted to be mounted to a railing, comprising:

a front wall;

a back wall;

first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

a. said front wall is connected to said first and second side walls; and

b. said back wall is connected to said first and second side walls, forming an enclosure with said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls; and

means for mounting said planter receptacle to at least one baluster of said railing, wherein said mounting means at least partially surrounds at least one baluster.

2. The planter receptacle of claim 1, wherein said mounting means comprises at least one sleeve attached to at least one wall of said planter receptacle.

3. The planter receptacle of claim 2, further comprising:

a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said enclosure formed by said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

4. The planter receptacle of claim 1, wherein said mounting means comprises:

at least a first interior wall connected to said first and second spaced-apart side walls between said front wall and said back wall, creating

4                   a first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of  
5                   said first and second spaced-apart side walls, and  
6                   a second enclosure formed by said first interior wall, said back wall, and a portion  
7                   of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein  
8                   said first interior wall, said back wall, and said portion of said first and second spaced-  
9                   apart side walls at least partially surround at least one baluster of said railing when said planter  
10                  receptacle is mounted to said railing.

1    5.       The planter receptacle of claim 4, wherein said first interior wall is substantially parallel  
2              to said back wall.

1    6.       The planter receptacle of claim 4, further comprising:  
2              a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said  
3              first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of said first and  
4              second spaced-apart side walls.

1    7.       The planter receptacle of claim 4, further comprising:  
2              a second interior wall connected to said first and second spaced-apart side walls between  
3              said first interior wall and said back wall, dividing said second enclosure, creating  
4              a third enclosure formed by said back wall, said second interior wall, and a  
5              portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, and  
6              an enclosure formed by said first interior wall, said second interior wall, and a  
7              portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

8           said first interior wall, said second interior wall, and said portion of said first and second  
9   spaced-apart side walls at least partially surround at least one baluster of said railing when said  
10 planter receptacle is mounted to said railing.

1   8.     The planter receptacle of claim 7, wherein said second interior wall is substantially  
2   parallel to said first interior wall.

1   9.     The planter receptacle of claim 7, further comprising:  
2           a first bottom wall, wherein said first bottom wall forms at least a portion of the  
3   underside of said first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion  
4   of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

1   10.    The planter receptacle of claim 9, further comprising:  
2           a second bottom wall, wherein said second bottom wall forms at least a portion of the  
3   underside of said third enclosure formed by said back wall, said second interior wall, and a  
4   portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

1   11.    The planter receptacle of claim 1, further comprising connecting means attached to at  
2   least one of said walls.

1   12.    The planter receptacle of claim 11, wherein said connecting means is vertically  
2   adjustable.

1   13.    The planter receptacle of claim 11, further comprising hanging means.

1 14. The planter receptacle of claim 13, wherein said hanging means is selected from the  
2 group consisting of:

3 chain;  
4 cable;  
5 rope;  
6 wire; and  
7 readily bendable line.

1 15. The planter receptacle of claim 13, wherein said hanging means is attached to said  
2 railing.

1 16. The planter receptacle of claim 13, wherein said hanging means enables said planter  
2 receptacle to be positioned at a variable height with respect to said railing.

1 17. The combination of a railing and a planter receptacle, said railing comprising a top rail  
2 and at least one baluster, said planter receptacle comprising:

3 a front wall;  
4 a back wall;  
5 first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

6 a. said front wall is connected to said first and second side walls; and  
7 b. said back wall is connected to said first and second side walls, forming an  
8 enclosure with said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second  
9 spaced-apart side walls; and

10 means for mounting said planter receptacle to said at least one baluster of said railing,  
11 wherein said mounting means at least partially surrounds at least one baluster.

1 18. The combination of claim 17, wherein said mounting means comprises at least one sleeve  
2 attached to at least one wall of said planter receptacle.

1 19. The combination of claim 18, further comprising:

2 a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said  
3 enclosure formed by said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side  
4 walls.

1 20. The combination of claim 17, wherein said mounting means comprises:

2 at least a first interior wall connected to said first and second spaced-apart side walls  
3 between said front wall and said back wall, creating

4 a first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of  
5 said first and second spaced-apart side walls, and

6 a second enclosure formed by said first interior wall, said back wall, and a portion  
7 of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

8 said first interior wall, said back wall, and said portion of said first and second spaced-  
9 apart side walls at least partially surround at least one baluster of said railing when said planter  
10 receptacle is mounted to said railing.

1 21. The combination of claim 20, wherein said first interior wall is substantially parallel to  
2 said back wall.

1 22. The combination of claim 20, further comprising:

2 a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said  
3 first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of said first and  
4 second spaced-apart side walls.

1 23. The combination of claim 20, further comprising:

2 a second interior wall connected to said first and second spaced-apart side walls between  
3 said first interior wall and said back wall, dividing said second enclosure, creating

4 a third enclosure formed by said back wall, said second interior wall, and a  
5 portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, and

6 an enclosure formed by said first interior wall, said second interior wall, and a  
7 portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

8 said first interior wall, said second interior wall, and said portion of said first and second  
9 spaced-apart side walls at least partially surround at least one baluster of said railing when said  
10 planter receptacle is mounted to said railing.

1 24. The combination of claim 23, wherein said second interior wall is substantially parallel to  
2 said first interior wall.

1 25. The combination of claim 23, further comprising:

2 a first bottom wall, wherein said first bottom wall forms at least a portion of the  
3 underside of said first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion  
4 of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

1 26. The combination of claim 25, further comprising:  
2 a second bottom wall, wherein said second bottom wall forms at least a portion of the  
3 underside of said third enclosure formed by said back wall, said second interior wall, and a  
4 portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

1 27. The combination of claim 17, further comprising connecting means attached to at least  
2 one of said walls.

1 28. The combination of claim 27, wherein said connecting means is vertically adjustable.

1 29. The combination of claim 27, further comprising hanging means.

1 30. The combination of claim 29, wherein said hanging means is selected from the group  
2 consisting of:

3 chain;

4 cable;

5 rope;

6 wire; and

7 readily bendable line.

1 31. The combination of claim 29, wherein said hanging means is connected to said railing.

1 32. The combination of claim 31, said railing further comprising a rail cap, wherein said  
2 hanging means is connected to said rail cap.

1 33. The combination of claim 29, wherein said hanging means enables said planter receptacle  
2 to be positioned at a variable height with respect to said railing.

1     34.     A method for mounting a planter receptacle on a railing, said railing comprising a top rail  
2     and at least one baluster, said method comprising the steps of:

3             1)     providing a planter receptacle comprising:

4                     a front wall;

5                     a back wall;

6                     first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

7                         a.   said front wall is connected to said first and second side walls; and

8                         b.   said back wall is connected to said first and second side walls, forming

9                             an enclosure with said front wall, said back wall, and said first and

10                             second spaced-apart side walls; and

11                     mounting means;

12             2)     suspending said planter receptacle from said railing; and

13             3)     mounting said planter receptacle to said at least one baluster of said railing,

14                     wherein said mounting means at least partially surrounds at least one baluster.

1     35.     The method of claim 34, wherein said step of suspending said planter receptacle from  
2     said railing further comprises the steps of:

3             2a)     connecting a first end of a hanging means to said top rail; and

4             2b)     connecting a second end of said hanging means to said planter receptacle, wherein

5     said hanging means enables said planter receptacle to be positioned at a variable height with

6     respect to said railing.



1    36.    The method of claim 35, said planter receptacle further comprising:  
2            connecting means attached to at least one of said walls, wherein said connecting means is  
3    vertically adjustable to enable said planter receptacle to be leveled.

1    37.    The method of claim 35, wherein said hanging means is selected from the group  
2    consisting of:  
3            chain;  
4            cable;  
5            rope;  
6            wire; and  
7            readily bendable line.

1    38.    The method of claim 34, said planter receptacle further comprising:  
2            a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said  
3    enclosure formed by said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side  
4    walls.

1    39.    The method of claim 34, wherein said mounting means is not attached to said at least one  
2    baluster.